GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1206
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SURVEY OF MEDICINAL PLANTS
Sen Smt. Minati

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3909 dated 17.5.2006 and state::

(a) whether the Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha and Central Council of Research in Unani Medicine propose to conduct survey of medicinal plants in North Bengal and Districts of Dajeeling and Jalpaigudi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether thre is any proposal to create medicinal plants conservation areas in North Bengal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha and Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine the autonomous organisations working under this Ministry have proposal to undertake survey of these areas during next plan.

(c) & (d): State Medical Plants Board (SMPB) has been set up in State of West Bengal to coordinate matters relating to development of medicinal plants and implementation of schemes of National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB). The Board has been implementing schemes for insitu/ex-situ conservation of medicinal plants under promotional schemes. Projects on conservation of medicinal plants have been already sanctioned in the State of West Bengal including the areas of North Bengal.. Suitable proposals referred by SMPB are considered for sanctioned by the NMPB.

Medicinal Plant Conservation Areas (MPCAs) are likely to be constituted in the areas of Sunderbans of West Bengal under the CCF-II programme entitled National Programme on Promoting Conservation of Medicinal Plants and Traditional Knowledge for Enhancing Health and Livelihood Security" supported by UNDP and implemented by Ministry of Environment and Forest.